

THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON COMBATING DRUG ADDICTION AND THE OPIOID CRISIS

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President Donald Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
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Dear Mr. President:

As Chairman of your Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis, I am extending the deadline to submit our final report recommendations to you from October 1, 2017 to November 1, 2017.

When you appointed me as Chairman, you stressed the importance of providing thorough recommendations to help turn this public health crisis around.

In the interest of submitting these sound recommendations, our research and policy development are still in progress. Accordingly, and pursuant to the Executive Order establishing the Commission, we are seeking an additional four weeks to finalize our work.

My fellow commissioners and I will be holding events in the coming weeks to do just this. We will be meeting with Secretary Shulkin of the Department of Veterans Affairs to visit a medical center in Ohio with innovative pain management strategies. We also will be hosting the pharmaceutical industry in New Jersey to talk about partnership opportunities with the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration. On September 27, we will hold our third meeting of the full Commission at the White House. This meeting will focus on innovative pain management and prevention measures for diversion. Additional outreach opportunities to better inform our final recommendations continue to be identified and scheduled.

Thank you again for your confidence and support. I look forward to presenting our final recommendations to you in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,



Chris Christie
Governor of New Jersey